

R. E. LEE CAMP TO-NIGHT.

THE G. A. R. MATTER WILL PROBABLY BE ACTED UPON,

Col. Murphy, Mr. Laughton, and a Number of Other Citizens Express Their Views on the Subject.

There is no decrease of interest in the question of inviting the Grand Army of the Republic to hold its meeting here in 1898, as proposed by the Young Men's Business Club.

Lee Camp will take up the subject tonight and so will Pickett Camp on Monday night next, and the result of these meetings will be waited for with interest.

Yesterday, The Times presented the views on this subject of a number of well-known citizens, ex-Confederates, business and professional men.

Col. Murphy's views may be seen, other Richmond men and this morning is given results of conversations had with them.

COL. MURPHY FAVORABLE.

Colonel John Murphy, one of Richmond's best known citizens, has given his opinion in Lee Camp. Confederate Veterans, held last evening at his hotel, that he was decidedly in favor of inviting the G. A. R. to come here in 1898.

He thought we should do so for several reasons, the first because of the fact that the G. A. R. people had contributed so much money to Lee Camp-Southerners' Home and we now have an opportunity to show appreciation of their services.

Colonel Murphy also mentioned that the resources for contributions of goods and articles for the great Confederate Fair were more liberal from the North and Northern merchants than from the South.

He thought it would be a great advertisement for Richmond and direct attention this way of people who would be settlers in Richmond and in Virginia also.

Then the large body of men coming here to the Grand Army meeting would spend a great deal of money while in town, which would benefit everybody.

Let us hope that Col. Murphy, continuing, and don't let me have any tall around the city, to keep people out.

Captain John E. Laughton, Jr., well and widely known as representative ex-Confederate and high in the esteem of his comrades at Lee Camp said last night that he was opposed to the invitation to the G. A. R. by Lee Camp as an organization.

If the business men of Richmond and the ex-Confederates as individuals invited them, well and good, but he did not think that the camp as a camp should ask them to come.

LET THEM COME.

Mr. Simon Cohen was very much in favor of bringing the Grand Army people here for their annual meeting, when he was seen last night.

He said his thought it would be the biggest kind of an advertisement for Richmond, and the money that the veterans would spend while here would be of great assistance.

Mr. Cohen thought that an invitation from the young business men of Richmond to the Grand Army men, asking them to come to Richmond, would have a most excellent effect in assuring the Union that the war is over.

Then there was the likelihood of capturing being attracted here to Virginia by these manifestations of friendliness on our part for the rich citizens of the North.

Mr. Herman J. Myers of Slater, Myers & Co., said he thought it would be a good move to invite the Union veterans to come here, as he hoped they would be invited and come.

The only difficulty that Mr. Myers seemed to anticipate in the matter is the problem of finding and lodgings such a large number of men come to Richmond, but he had no doubt that this would be arranged in some way.

NON-COMMITTAL.

Mr. John S. Elliott, the president of the State Bank of Virginia, was seen at his home yesterday afternoon, looking on the question of inviting the General Assembly to meet in the city.

Mr. Elliott said he was quite willing to leave the matter to the members of the G. A. R. and said that he had been so busy for the last few days that he was not fully informed as to what it was desired to do.

Colonel John N. Purcell of Purcell, Ladd & Co. did not say anything on the subject last evening when he was called upon at his home.

It is understood that Colonel Robert N. Norther, commander of Lee Camp, G. A. R., is still having trouble with his men here, and will write to him to find out to certain the members of that body.

NO CHANGE EXPECTED.

The State Library Likely to Remain Closed in the Evening.

There has been some talk about the circularing of petitions in this city for the purpose of securing the opening of the State Library during the evenings. The experiment has been tried for a little over a year with unsatisfactory results.

During the last session of the Legislature a bill was introduced, providing for the opening of the Library in the evenings. It was referred to the finance committee and had it not been for the gallant Col. John L. Harwood made at the time, the measure would have never seen the light again.

At a number of the meetings the members voted in favor of Harwood's bill, and the same was long afterwards in both houses on permanent grounds, as many of the members expressed themselves privately, because they saw what Harwood had in mind.

When the measure became law, it provided that the city of Richmond should pay a salary of \$1,000 a year for an assistant librarian, while the State was to furnish the fuel, light, use of the books and the operation of the elevator.

For more than a year the experiment took place, but when it appeared from actual cost, that only from two to twenty-two persons visited the Library in the evenings, the City Council cut off the appropriation for an assistant librarian and the question was, that the Library had to close.

Those who are familiar with the circumstances, are fully aware of the fact that the General Assembly will not be induced during the coming session to vote for an expenditure of at least \$500 annually in order to keep the Library open in the evening after the experience of the past and the payment of an assistant librarian by the State is certainly out of question. Neither would the City Council be induced to make again an appropriation for a assistant librarian.

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